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Cc: Kluesner, Dave[kluesner.dave@epa.gov]
From: Debbie Mans
Sent: Mon 6/10/2013 6:03:49 PM
Subject: RE: TAG Information to share with prospective TAG applicant for the Diamond Alkali Superfund site

Wanda

Thank you for the information. I will work on the letter today. Debbie

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From: Ayala, Wanda [mailto:Ayala.Wanda@epa.gov]
Sent: Monday, June 10, 2013 12:32 PM
To: debbie@nynjbaykeeper.org
Cc: Kluesner, Dave
Subject: RE: TAG Information to share with prospective TAG applicant for the Diamond Alkali Superfund site

Debbie:

Thank you so much for your patience. So this is how we move forward, a notice will be placed in a Jersey newspaper announcing NY/NJ intent to apply for a TAG. In it we ask other interested groups to join your groups to coalesce with yours if interested (the TAG should represent all community views) they have 30 days from when the Ad is published to contact your organization. Any group wishing to apply for a separate application will also have 30 days to do so, but all applications must be received within 60 days from the date the notice is published and can request an extension, if needed.

A more detailed letter of intent should be sent to Roch Baamonde, Chief Grants and Audit Management Branch, 290 Broadway, 27th Floor, NY, NY 10007 ("cc" me) (baamonde.roch@epa.gov) in which you outline more specifically what the TAG will be used for (i.e., interpreting technical information generated during the cleanup, helping the community evaluate data, and/or to help the community understand our actions at the site and how the information will be shared with the community – via CAG meetings, public meetings, web sites, newsletters, etc.), to enable the community to more meaningfully participate in the decision making process. I also recommend you outline your track record with the community and your ability to administer a TAG.

In the meantime, I have already prepared the notice and as soon as you send Roch your detailed request, will move it forward. Below are some links to assist you in getting familiar with TAG requirements and the application submittal process.

I will be in touch with you to let you know if we heard from other interested groups or not.

This Region 2 link outlines the regional requirements

<http://www.epa.gov/region02/grants/kit.htm>

And this provides more information and the legal guidance

<http://www.epa.gov/superfund/community/tag/resource.htm#tagrecip>

The process is a little daunting but please be assured that I will assist with as much as I can every step of the way.

Wanda Ayala

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From: Debbie Mans [<mailto:debbie@nynjbaykeeper.org>]

Sent: Friday, June 07, 2013 11:03 AM

To: Kluesner, Dave

Cc: Ayala, Wanda; Chin, Arlene; 'Douglas Sarno'; 'Ana Baptista'; Yeh, Alice

Subject: RE: TAG Information to share with prospective TAG applicant

Great, thanks.

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From: Kluesner, Dave [<mailto:kluesner.dave@epa.gov>]

Sent: Thursday, June 06, 2013 5:29 PM

To: debbie@nynjbaykeeper.org

Cc: Ayala, Wanda; Chin, Arlene; 'Douglas Sarno'; 'Ana Baptista'; Yeh, Alice

Subject: RE: TAG Information to share with prospective TAG applicant

Hi Debbie, I recently confirmed with the head of our grants program for Region 2 that the sequestration does not prevent this grant application process from moving forward. I requested clarification on the matter to ensure that we don't go down a dead end street. Therefore, good news.

On Monday, Wanda Ayala will be in touch with you to lay out the next steps in the public notification process for this technical assistance application. Thanks for the check in.

From: Debbie Mans [<mailto:debbie@nynjbaykeeper.org>]
Sent: Thursday, June 06, 2013 4:18 PM
To: Kluesner, Dave
Cc: Ayala, Wanda; Chin, Arlene; 'Douglas Sarno'; 'Ana Baptista'
Subject: RE: TAG Information to share with prospective TAG applicant

Hi

Is there any update on this request? Thanks, Debbie

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From: Kluesner, Dave [<mailto:kluesner.dave@epa.gov>]
Sent: Friday, May 10, 2013 4:49 PM
To: debbie@nynjbaykeeper.org
Cc: Ayala, Wanda; Chin, Arlene; 'Douglas Sarno'; Ana Baptista

Subject: RE: TAG Information to share with prospective TAG applicant

We are in receipt of the notice of intent to apply for federal assistance. Wanda Ayala will keep you apprised of the status of this request for assistance. Thank you.

From: Debbie Mans [<mailto:debbie@nynjbaykeeper.org>]
Sent: Friday, May 10, 2013 12:57 PM
To: Kluesner, Dave
Cc: Ayala, Wanda; Chin, Arlene; 'Douglas Sarno'; Ana Baptista
Subject: RE: TAG Information to share with prospective TAG applicant

David

Thank you for speaking with me last night. Attached please find our request letter for the TAG. Hard copy to follow in US Mail. Thanks, Debbie

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From: Kluesner, Dave [<mailto:kluesner.dave@epa.gov>]
Sent: Thursday, May 09, 2013 1:57 PM
To: debbie@nynjbaykeeper.org
Cc: Ayala, Wanda; Chin, Arlene; Douglas Sarno
Subject: FW: TAG Information to share with prospective TAG applicant

Debbie, we can discuss this more tonight during the executive meeting of the CAG.

From: Ayala, Wanda
Sent: Thursday, May 09, 2013 11:08 AM
To: Kluesner, Dave
Subject: TAG Information to share with prospective TAG applicant

Please share this with the interested group. The attachment is an explanation of both and the pro's and con's of TAG vs. TASC and the links below provide them more information on the LOI (Letter of Intent) and a TAG fact sheet with more details.

<http://www.epa.gov/superfund/community/tag/download/loi.htm>

http://www.epa.gov/superfund/community/tag/download/quick-fs_8-12-08.pdf

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